

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, we have a growing epidemic in our military that requires our immediate action.

I rise today to highlight a bipartisan, bicameral piece of legislation that will stem the growing cancer of sexual assault on men and women in the military.

This is absolutely unacceptable. In every branch of the military, from day one our servicemembers are instilled with the values of honor, respect, and integrity. It's what makes us proud to wear the uniform, and it's what makes our military strong. However, this epidemic completely undermines what these values and our servicemembers represent.

This morning I joined a strong, committed group of legislators to introduce the Military Justice Improvement Act, which provides a uniform and fair process, ensuring that sexual predators are exposed and punished accordingly.

We in Congress and leaders of the Department of Defense must keep the pressure on. Together, we must foster a respectful, productive environment for our military men and women. The success of our Armed Forces—and the security they provide our Nation—depends on it.

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#### REPEAL OBAMACARE

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, there's an article I missed that came out March 15, 2013, from Healthcare IT News—rather interesting. It talks about a lawsuit against the IRS because the IRS, it says, stole health records of some 10 million Americans, including the medical records of all California State judges. Knowing California, I bet most of them are Democrats. They took their medical records.

So, the allegation, the lawsuit, is over that. Ten million Americans' records. It doesn't matter what party they are. It doesn't matter what their political beliefs are. They have a right to have their own records kept private until ObamaCare fully kicks in.

I don't know why the IRS would take those medical records so prematurely, because when ObamaCare kicks in, the Federal Government has everybody's records already.

It's time to repeal it.

#### SNAP CUTS IN FARM BILL

(Mr. CROWLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not to offer my own words about the Republicans' major cuts to food stamps.

Instead, I want to let my constituents speak directly to the House Republican leadership. In this stack of plates sent to me, one of my constituents asked:

"How would I live if food stamps were cut?"

Others have said:

"There are a lot of people who would go hungry without food stamps."

"If the help I receive now for food stamps was cut, it will affect me and my kids while I'm trying to finish my college degree."

"In these hard times, food pantries get me through the week."

"To see your own kids starve and not be able to feed them is one of the worst pains a parent can experience."

"If food stamps were cut off, my 4-year-old brother and I would have to go to sleep hungry. We would also have to miss meals. This will be unfair considering he's only 4—and I'm 15."

These stories are heartbreaking and serve as evidence why cutting the food stamp program will really affect people's lives.

To my colleagues, I leave you with this last one: "Please don't stop helping people."

Please don't stop helping people.

#### COMMEMORATING THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR IN SRI LANKA

(Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka on May 18, 2009.

The last stages of the war were met with grave allegations of war crimes, including the Sri Lankan Government's treatment of Tamil civilians within no-fire zones—attacks that were a blatant violation of human rights.

As a result of the ensuing international outrage, Sri Lanka established a commission of inquiry to investigate the events of the 26-year civil war. However, this commission had no accountability and yielded little explanation for the families, the victims, or the international community.

We are left with the task of identifying what really happened during the last years of this terrible civil war and to hold accountable those who have committed war crimes. We also face the challenge of brokering peace in a country torn apart by civil war.

I urge the Government of Sri Lanka to demonstrate commitment towards reconciliation and promote human rights, particularly before hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November.

#### DON'T REPEAL OBAMACARE

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, 3 years after the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, a law that is already helping millions of Americans, our friends on

the other side of the aisle are wasting time again on a pointless symbolic vote that will never become law and takes us backwards.

For the 37th time, our colleagues are forcing us to vote on repealing the Affordable Care Act when they know—they know—it has no chance of succeeding.

For the 37th time, they are voting to allow insurance companies to deny coverage to children with preexisting conditions.

For the 37th time, they are voting to roll back our efforts to not allow insurance companies to charge women more just because they are women.

And for the 37th time, they are voting to strip small businesses of protections against the skyrocketing insurance premiums we faced long before the ACA.

Einstein used to say: Insanity is when one attempts to do the same thing over and over again—expecting a different result.

This is wrong for the 37th time and a waste of our time.

#### POINT OF ORDER

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state the point of order.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I realize that H.R. 45 and its rule have not been brought up for consideration, but I wish to object to the consideration of H.R. 45 as well as consideration of the rule governing debate on the bill because it violates rule XII, clause 7, section (c), which states, "A bill or joint resolution may not be introduced unless the sponsor submits for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a statement citing as specifically as practicable the power or powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the bill or joint resolution."

The constitutional authority statement submitted with H.R. 45, argues that Congress is granted the authority to enact this legislation because of the Tenth Amendment.

The Tenth Amendment does not grant Congress the authority to act; it limits Congressional power. It states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Citing the Tenth Amendment does not satisfy the rule.

Experts at the Congressional Research Service agree. In a recent report, they stated, "The Tenth Amendment is not an affirmative grant of authority to Congress; rather, it is a limitation or disability on Congress's authority to legislate. Hence, because the House rule requires a statement citing the power or powers granted to Congress—not merely a statement of constitutional provisions—citations to the Tenth Amendment do not appear to satisfy the requirement of the House rule."